

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 14-18, 21-24, 28, 30-31, and 34-35 are amended herein. Claims 25, 29, 32, 33 and 44 to 48 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 36 to 43 remain withdrawn.

A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for fees due in connection with this response.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-35, and 44-48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,241,607 to Payne et al. ("Payne") in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0041610 to Luciano et al. ("Luciano"). The Office Action rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Payne and Luciano in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,342,047 to Heidel et al. ("Heidel"). Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections.


However, instead of arguing these rejections, to place this application in condition for allowance, applicant has amended all of the pending claims to recite a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels wherein each payline is associated with each of the reels. Payne clearly does not disclose this. Each of the paylines in Payne is associated with limited number of the plurality of reels.

Additionally, to place this application in condition for allowance, the language of most of the claims have been clarified to more clearly specify the functions of the processor. Because Payne, Luciano, and Heidel alone and in combination, do not teach or suggest each feature of the present claims, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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